

THURSTON COUNTY AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

McLane Building Conference Room

5033 Harrison Ave. NW, Olympia, WA 98502

Minutes for May 28, 2017

Members Present: E.J. Zita (Chair), Brian Fischer, Eric Johnson, Chris Groen, Richard Mankamyer, Pat Labine, Robin Buckingham

Staff Present: Stephen Bramwell and Deborah Bordelon (WSU Ext.)

Members Excused: Robert McIntosh (Vice-Chair), Kevin Jensen, Mary DiMatteo

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by E.J. Zita followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and round-table introductions of the members and staff attending the evening's meeting.

News Sharing –

Vacancy on the Ag Committee – Zita advised the committee that the two County Commissioners in attendance expressed strong support for having us review applications for vacant positions on the committee, and recommend new members. Charisa will follow up with the BoCC.

Report on meeting with the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) – Zita gave a recap of the presentation that she and Charissa gave to the BoCC. The overall reaction from the BoCC to the presentation was positive and encouraging. The purpose of this presentation was to familiarize the BoCC of the purpose and mission of the Agriculture Advisory Committee and how it can be used by the BoCC as a valuable resource for support and information.

Discussion of Guidelines for meeting minutes – Discussion was had and concerns were raised over whether or not audio files of minutes were obligated to be considered public records if the written minutes were always made available to the public. Further clarification is needed and will be sought out before the June meeting.

Republic vs Democracy and the Pledge of Allegiance – Richard provided committee members with a handout that helped to explain the difference between a Democracy and a Republic, as is referred to in the Pledge of Allegiance. An opportunity for discussion was presented. Members chose to read it on their own.

Approval of previous meeting minutes- The minutes from the April 27th meeting were reviewed. After lengthy discussion and edit suggestions minutes were approved with edits.

Approval of agenda-Agenda was approved with the reordering of topics.

Public Comment - No public comment

Green Sheet – No comments to be recorded

WSU Update – Stephen provided committee members with final copies of the Needs Assessment Results

Motion to Adjourn: Passed at 8:48 pm.

Submitted by: Deborah Bordelon